

**ORDER**  
**FIRE RESTRICTIONS**  
**CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST AND GRASSLANDS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Mountainair Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands, Bernalillo, Valencia, Torrence, and Lincoln counties within the state of New Mexico. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A and B.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, except within a Forest Service developed recreation or improved site; 36 CFR § 261.52(a). Exception: The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed, provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material; 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

**EXEMPTIONS:**


Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Resident owners and lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service recreation special use authorizations, within the restricted area are exempt from Restriction No. 1 above, provided such fires are within a permanent structure.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the increasing dry weather conditions, ERC's reaching the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile, and the higher frequency of red flag warning days.

This Order becomes effective at 8:00 AM, June 01, 2012, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2012, whichever occurs first. This Order rescinds, replaces and supersedes previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by the Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 30 day of May 2012

  
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Cibola National Forest and Grasslands

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.







